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of cars to talk for publication as If of the newspapers had treated im unfairly. He went so far as to ay, however, that the articles sent if from Washington to the State pa-ers, containing what purported to a part of the complaint that he boolutely unauthorized. He says that a one has been given a copy of the absolutely unauthorized. He says that no one has been given a copy of the complaint; that it has not been sign-ed. filed, or even a copy of it sent to Mr. Hackett as yet. He hooted at the idea of a warrant, and remarked, as he stretched himself to his full height, "Wouldn't you like to see the that would serve a warrant on vestigation. a that would serve a warrant on

He said that he would file his comblaint in due time and that then a sopy of it would be sent to Mr. Hackett, who has given out a statement to the effect that he has not yet re-caived a copy of the complaint. Un-til it is filed, the congressman will not divulge what it may or may not ontain.

It is learned that no steps to instiute the proceedings against Mr. Slackburn have been taken by Govfor Glenn or his attorneys yet oththan that the Governor has conerred with his former law partner, Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem, and they have not yet agreed whether to commence criminal of tivil proceedings for the alleged libel of the Governor.

Mr. Blackburn and his friends say much prominence by the newspapers brought about are wholly disproportionate to the minor importance of Governor, and that if he were arrest-He interest and the amount of talk Blackburn manifested his desire to the matter. Judging from the pub-It has caused here, they are somewhat mistaken.

BLACKBURN ISSUES STATEMENT

notice of my contest upon Mr. Hackett and the reflections upon Governor tion would be withdrawn. Blackburn Glenn, is without my authorization. was vehement in his denial that he My notice to him signed by myself was the man who had made any such will be sufficient for public scrutiny. Thus far any signature appearing in strange situation-as one State offthe papers purporting to be mine is a cial put it, "A pretty kettle of fish." forgery. In the notice of my contest, I is remarked that it was very which I have issued there will be found no suggestion of corruption on the part of Governor Glenn. The notice will speak for itself."

The above statement was given by Congressman Blackburn to Solicitor Brooks, into whose hands Governor Glenn placed the matter, and Solicitor Brooks, will wait to see what the developments show before taking any action. If there is any proceeding against Blackburn, Solicitor Brooks will be assisted by Mr. Clement Manly, of Winston-Salem, who was here this afternoon conferring with Messrs. Justice and Brooks, who will assist in the prosecution of Blackburn, it is said. The attorneys refused to talk for publication.

Since Congressman Blackburn has given out the statement denying having furnished to newspaper correspondents or to any one the purported extracts from his complaint in the election fraud case, it is understood that Governor Glenn will let the matter rest for the present.

ment made against Governor Glean is false, yet this outrageous slanderer should not be allowed to go unre-buked. Mr. Blackburn should be made to retract or prove his chargen. A prominent lawyer here expressed the opinion this morning that Black burn could be indicated for criminat libel, the penaity of which, if con-victed, is a term of two years on the roads. The question has been rais-ed whether. Blackburn can be arrest-ed until after his term in Congress expires, March 4. The several law-yers interviswed were not prepared to give an answer until after an innt made against Governor Glean

GOV. GLENN HOLDS UP.

On Hearing of Blackburn's Denial He Tells Solicitor Brooks That No Ac-tion Will be Taken If Blackburn

Can Sign Affidavit of Denial. Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building.

Raleigh, Jan. 2. Your correspondent entered the Governor's office at 1 o'clock to talk with His Excellency about the status of the Spencer Blackburn matter, and found the Governor talking over the telephone with Solicitor A. L. Brooks, at Greensboro. The Governor said that he had wired Brooks this morning to have Blackburn arrested, as he found the latter was in Greensboro, and to employ Edward J. Justice to assist in the prosecution for criminal libel. Solicitor Brooks

told the Governor in his message this afternoon that he went to look for Blackburn and found the latter on that the matter has been given too the street, Blackburn coming forward and saying he had learned he was to and that the noise and palaver be arrested, and said that he had not made the charges against the ed the wrong man would be taken. do anything to set himself straight in the matter, and the Governor told Solicitor Brooks that if Blackburn

would sign an affidavit and have the Congressman Blackburn this after- latter published in the papers in this in such case the criminal prosecupublication. It was certainty a very strange that such a publication was

> be up to the newspapers, who, of course, would trace the source of their information as to this most sensational matter.

> made, and that now the matter would

Book Commission Indignant. Observer Bureau, The Hollaman Building,

Raleigh, Jan. 2. State Auditor Dixon says that the

State text-book commission met today and discussed the outrage of the charge against the Governor published in Sunday's papers over the signature of Congressman Blackburn, who now denies its authorship. The commission decided to fully support Governor Glenn in any steps he might take in the matter. The commission

is very indignant at the absolutely unfounded charges, which are as foolish as they are false. Auditor Dixon remarked: "I would just as soon be convicted of being a

knave as a fool."

A DELUGE IN AREANDAS.

to give an answer until after an inwere damaged to the extent of at least \$75,000. Central avenue, which is the principal thoroughfare of the city, was for hours a seething river,

carrying debris of all descriptions and flooding all cellars.

Three houses on Water street were washed away, as also was the grand-stand at Whitington Park. At least 20 bridges were swept down stream and in the lower part of the city, lumber manufacturers lost many thousands of feet of lumber. There

were no trains in or out of the city after the early morning trains ar-rived, on any road. The Rock Island's afternoon train after proceeding about five miles, was forced to return to the city. The Little Rock & Hot Springs Western track is under a



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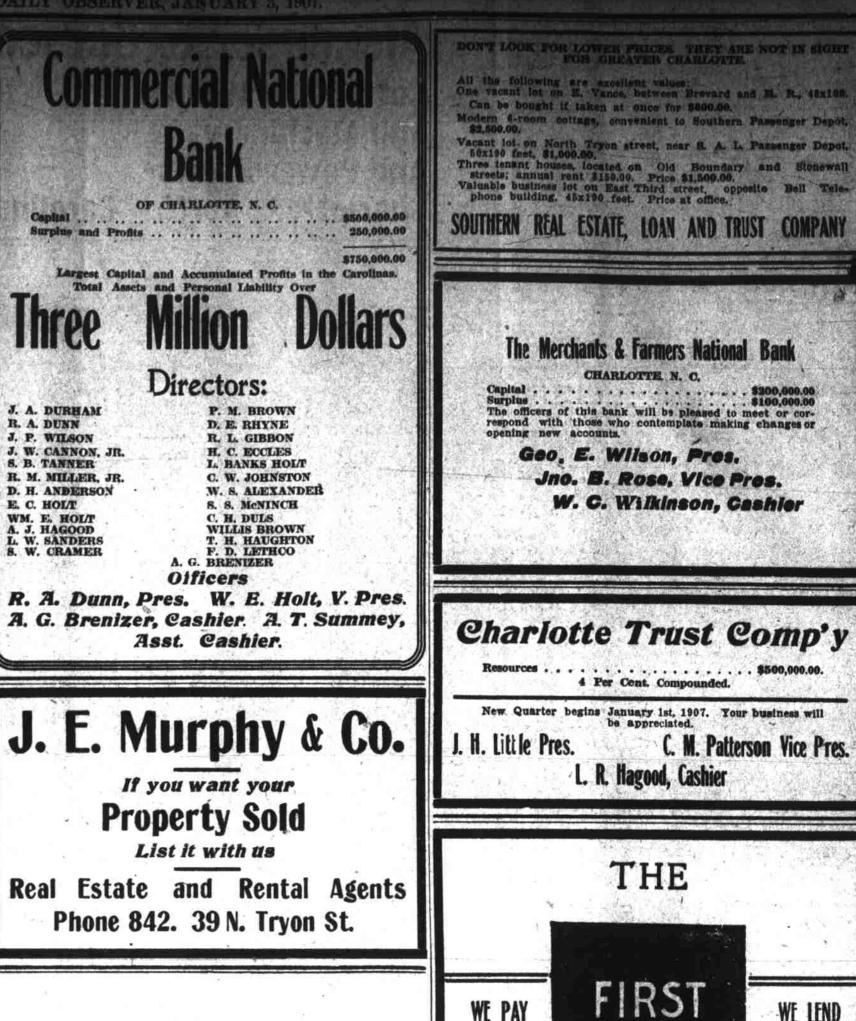
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WILL PROSECUTE BLACKBURN

Governor Glenn Declares the Con-

gressman From the Eighth District Must Go to Jail or He (Governor Glenn) Must be Impeached—Blackburn Denics Issuing Statement. By Associated Pres.

Raleigh, Jan 2 .- Governor Glenn reaction, Jan 2.-Governor Glenn moun ed to-day that he would have for Greensboro to-night to ap-pear before the grand jury which will be asked to indict Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, of the eighth district, on a charge of criminal libel. "I have not been able to hear from the solicitor of the district," said the Governor.

This action follows charges made in a letter from Blackburn sent out from Washington, on Saturday last, in which he stated to Congressman-elect R. N. Hackett, the Democrat elected in the eighth district, his grounds for contesting the election, alleging among other things that there had been a conspiracy in which Governor Glenn used his influence to secure Hackett's election, and, as a member of the State text-book commission, voted to put books of the American Book Company on the State list of public school books, in return for which the American Book Company contributed large sums of money to corrupt the voters of the eighth connal district, while in return Hackett was to use his influence to have Governor Glenn elected United States Senator to succeed the present Snator from North Carolina, Lee S.

In a card published to-day Hackett denies Blackburn's charges. "I shall prosecute Blackburn to the

full extent of the law." Governor Glenn said to the Associated Press. "One of two things must be done.] must be impeached or Blackburn must be sent to jail."

This afternoon Congressman Black-**Solicitor** Brooks:

"The statement in last Sunday morning's papers concerning the no-tice of my contest upon Mr. Hackett and the reflections upon Governor Glenn is without my authorization. My notice to him, signed by myself, will be sufficient for public scrutiny. Thus far any signature appearing in the papers purporting to be mine is a forgery. In the notice of my con-test, which I have issued, there will found no suggestion of corruption on the part of Governor Glenn. The notice will speak for itself." (Signed)

"E. SPENCER BLACKBURN."

NO ACTION TAKEN.

Meners, Manly & Hendren, Former Low Partners of Governor Glenn, Say the Nature of Proceedings, if Brought, is Yet Undetermined. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 2 .- Mesars, Manty & Hendren, former law parters of Governor R. B. Glenn, were tioned to-day regarding the report that they, with Solicitor Brooks. apresent the Governor in proceedings poking to the prosecution of Conreseman Blackburn for criminal against Governor Glean in a letter purporting to have been writ-ten by Blackburn and sent to Con-gressman R. N. Hackett. Mr. Manly admitted that he held a conference Governor Glenn over the long nce telephone last evening re-ing the matter,

ding the matter, a response to a query Mr. Manly ed so far as his firm know, no rant had been issued for Mr. ckburn and that none would be il after mature consideration to see it character of action the law id authorize—whether criminal but, will depend upon the law. ontinuing. Mesers. Manly & Hen-a add that "while the people of the Carolina know that the state-

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Georgia, rain Inuraday, Friday clear-ing and colder; fresh cast winds becom-ing variable.
Eastern Florida, partly cloudy Thurs-day, showers in north portion; Friday showers except fair in extreme south portion, colder in northwest portion; light to fresh east winds.
Western Florida, rain Thursday; Fri-day fair, colder; fresh south winds shift-ing to northwest.
Alabama, rain Thursday, colder in the interior; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest.
Mississippi, rain and colder Thursday; Friday fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest.
Eastern Texas, rain Thursday, except fair in northwest portion, colder; Fri-day fair, colder; fresh south winds shifting to northwest.
Louisiana, rain Thursday, colder in northwest.

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Louisiana, rain Thursday, colder in sorth and west portion; Friday fair, older in east portion; winds becoming worth and fresh.

Western Texas, fair Thursday, colder n east and north portions; Friday fair, Arkansas, clearing and colder Thurs-Friday fair. Kentucky, Tennessee, rain Thursday, Solder in west portion; Friday fair, Solder in west portion. West Virgini, rain Thursday; Friday Solder and partly cloudy, snow in the nountain districts.

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Charlotte, Jan. 2.-Sunrise 7:31 a. m.; sunset 5.23 p. m. TEMPERATURE (in degrees).

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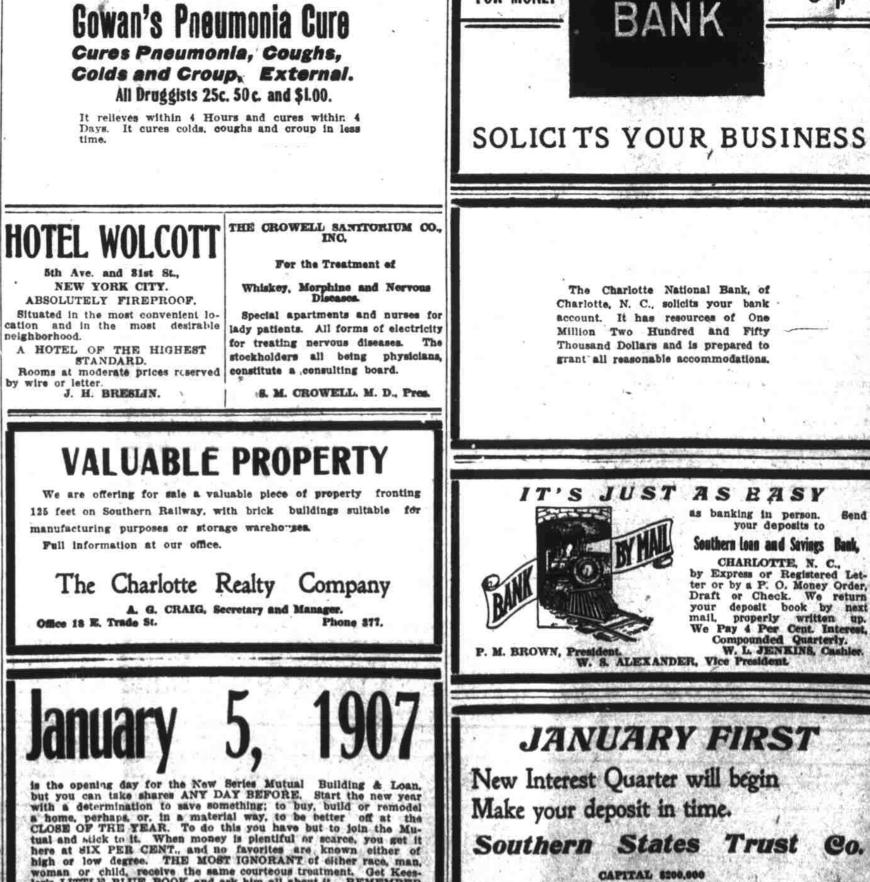
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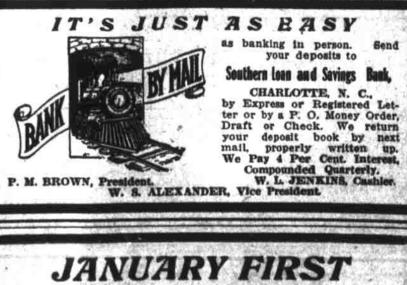
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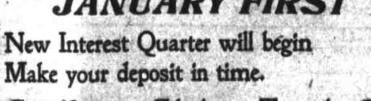
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